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Let him live to tell Dallas Police Regain Morale Under Dynamic Chief

By Godfrey Anderson

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Police Department, bitterly criticized throughout the nation and abroad for its followup to President Kennedy's assassination here, faces the seventh anniversary of that event with morale restored under a new, dynamic chief.

"We took it on the chin. We reeled under the blow of 1963 too long," says Police Chief Frank Dyson, 43, who has headed the department since Jan. 1. "We could have overcome all this in a more positive, quicker, way. And we would have been that much better off."

"Mind you, I'm not criticizing Chief (Jesse) Curry (then police chief of Dallas). He was torn apart under the tremendous pressures he was undergoing. He was only trying to do what he thought should be done."

"But now this is no longer the same police department. It has a total new outlook. We're not going to settle for anything less than being the best police department in the country. It's as simple as that."

Searched Depository
When President Kennedy was killed by bullets on a street in downtown Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, Dyson was manning a headquarters desk as lieutenant of the vice squad. But it fell to him to lead the detail which searched the Texas Book Depository, the assassin's hideout, for possible clues.

When Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested some hours

later for "Policeman of the Year" honors—two Indians, one Hawaiian and one Chinese.

But, if Dyson gets his way, the whole community will be crime fighters, too.

Operation Get Involved brings in citizens for neighborhood crime committees. Community service centers get problem cases in touch

with civic welfare agencies before they turn to crime.

Community Radio Watch seeks to enroll radio hams and the 7,000 Dallas citizens who have two-way radios on private cars and trucks for a quick intelligence network.

Rhymes Against Crime gets after the very young. One recent school contest attracted 160 entries and Chief

Dyson himself distributed the prizes. *Of great*

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Police Chief Charles Batchelor, who followed him, made few changes but he advanced young Dyson through the ranks to No. 2 position. Batchelor died of a heart attack on the last day of 1968.

In nearly 11 months on the job, Dyson, who joined the force 20 years ago, has shaken the department from top to bottom. But he won't agree he has changed its image.

"It's a mistake to call what I'm doing an image booster," Dyson says. "The word image has the connotation of creating a false front and that's exactly the opposite of my intentions." He Ha

First With Degree

As the only Dallas police chief ever to hold a college degree—a bachelor of science in police science from Sam Houston State University this spring — Dyson is what his men call "nuts on education."

Right now 800 of his 1,827 men are registered for the fall semester at institutions of higher learning, with the city picking up the tab for their tuition. Thirty-six of his men hold BA degrees, four have masters' degrees, two hold law degrees, and 15 have associate of arts degrees in police science.

Average age of men in the top command posts is down from 54 to 43.

"We're getting away from the idea of a brawny policeman with no brains," says Dyson, who himself is 6 feet 3 and lean.

"More and more the officer's job is to understand the problems of his community. Police officers, in order to gain and maintain respect for their judgment and authority, should have a formal education that is at least as good as—and preferably better—than the people they serve," he says.

The department starts its recruits, who must at least be high school graduates, at \$20 a month. Those with 60 hours of college credit start at \$700. By 1980, says Dyson, all new recruits must have college degrees. So they can know about

Mixed Force
The force today includes 43 Negroes, 13 Mexican-Americans — one, Patrolman Anselmo M. Arredondo, was named among 10 national fi-

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